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The S. C. I. Needed

There is no college in southeastern Illinois. Describe a circle with a diameter of 150 miles about every college in Illinois making each institution the center of its own circle. In the circle described with the S. C. I. at the center there will be but one other school within its circle. In every other circle described, each institution being at the center of its own circle, there will be from four to ten other institutions of learning. This gives a clear conception of the need of a school for higher Christian learning in Southern Illinois.

The local conditions demand an institution of high rank. The public schools of Southern Illinois are much inferior to the public schools of Central and Northern Illinois. Only the larger towns have high schools and these schools do not take highest rank. The rural schools are not good; this end of the state lies out and away from the chief centers of educational influences. An institution of high rank and Christian influences needs to be built up in this end of the state where it will be close to the people. This is the kind of an institution we are building at Albion, and it merits your consideration and help.

See its students. There have been fully 2600 young people in attendance in the life of this school. The graduates have been 166; five of whom are ministers, three are preparing for the ministry, two for missionary labor, two are Y. M. C. A. secretaries, six physicians, five lawyers, many teachers, many farmers and business men. The lives of these young people are enriched and made more serviceable, they are making good and blessing the world.

Junior College

The S. C. I. is now a Junior college. Studies are given in some courses to the Junior year. The work is so well done that some of the best colleges and universities will accept it and graduate our students in two years! This is a big step forward. And especially so when a student can remain in the S. C. I. for the first two years of college and have the best of accommodations in room and board at so small a cost. At other colleges and the universities the expenses of one year are from \$350 to \$600 while at the S. C. I. a student can get the best of instruction and board, all expenses told, for \$175 to \$200. This includes tuition for the year, nice rooms with electric lights, steam heat, baths, hot and cold water, excellent wholesome food, books and laundry. Why spend from twice to three times this sum in other colleges when you can attend at Albion at so small a cost and have instruction just as good and in some cases better?

Congregational Conference

Be at the Congregational Conference of Illinois at Champaign April 28-May 1, and vote upon a resolution asking the Conference to give the S. C. I. a liberal sum of the apportionment funds for 1913 to use upon its current expense budget. Your vote will be needed. Help the work.

We make this request because (1) The school needs the money and it is worthy of your help. It is positively a Christian school; the teachers are men and women of positive religious convictions. They press the claims of Christianity upon the students. The student Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. are active agencies in the student life, and are the outward expression

of the deep interest of students for their fellows. (2) The scholarship is excellent and compares well with the scholarship of the best colleges. Our students have ranked high in classes with students from other schools. They have shown themselves to be honor students. (3) The S. C. I. is the only educational institution in Illinois under the auspices of the Congregational Education Society. It is your own school, and has a right to a proper proportion of the gifts of the churches. The Conference at Elgin in 1912 recognized this right and by a vote nominated Dr. W. L. Ferris of Pekin, Ill., and Mr. M. A. Meyers of Hinsdale, and asked the Board of Trustees of the S. C. I. to make these brethren members of this Board that they might represent the State Conference in the administration of the work and business of its school. The Conference further requested these brethren to report at the next annual meeting at Champaign.

Meeting of the Trustees

The mid-year meeting of the Trustees was held in Albion January 24, 1913. The conditions of the work and business of the school were thoroughly gone over and the decisions reached and business transacted at this meeting will prove very beneficial to the best interests of the S. C. I.

A Look Forward

Only the few, while holding the small acorn in the hand, ever look a century into the future and see the mighty forest oak. Let the foundations of this school be well laid and built upon as is now being done and even the ordinary imagination can see splendid things to come. Her future will be bright and full of service. Thousands of young men and young women will yet come under her vital touch and inspiring influence. She will be a beacon light, making bright and serviceable the way of life to the youth yet unborn along down through the ages yet to come.

Short Course in Agriculture

For the first time a Short Course in Agriculture was offered in the S. C. I. It met with decided success. Lectures and papers on various subjects relating to some phase of the farm and farm life were given. The program was strong and appropriate. Every person to whom a topic was assigned was present and presented his subject with clearness and conviction acquired from close study and personal experience. Classes in practical dairying, stock judging, poultry raising, soil culture, alfalfa growing, horticulture, road building and domestic science were conducted. Some phases of education were ably presented and two lectures on travel at home and abroad were given, greatly to the appreciation and delight of large audiences. The afternoons and evenings of five days in January were devoted to this Course. The students and teachers of the S. C. I., together with many of the citizens of Albion and nearby townships, were in attendance. The rainy weather and muddy roads kept many away. It was the universal verdict that the Short Course in Agriculture was a success. Many requests that it become a part of each succeeding year's work have already been made.

A Farm

The Short Course in Agriculture emphasizes the real needs of a farm to be operated in connection with the regular work of our school. It could be cultivated by the students under a competent superintendent, to the mutual benefit of both students and college. It would thus afford a means of "self help" to some of the most worthy young people and be at the same time a source of profit to the college. By working the students in shifts and by arranging the day as follows: namely, work five hours, recitations three hours, study six hours, recreation, study of scripture, personal and social culture three hours and sleep seven hours, much of the financial and educational problems of both students and college would be solved and a most effective

and successful system of education would soon prove its own worth by the products. Two lacks, namely, the lack of definite labor to be performed each day by the youth and the lack of parental authority and helpfulness are spoiling young people and making them incompetent. This plan of education would in time turn the incompetents into happy, successful and serviceable citizens. Where are the men and women with generous hearts and willing purses who will help secure this farm? It is no imaginary scheme. It will bring results. If you think well of this idea write me and let me have the privilege and pleasure of knowing you personally.

Our Policies

1. We believe in Christian Education. Every form of education, whether it be agricultural, vocational, pedagogical or cultural, **CHRISTIANITY** should have Christianity permeating all through it. Christ is the way, the truth, life and light and He should be placed first. First things should be first.

2. We believe in the personal value and importance of man. The character of men and women determines the character of every community. It adds **VALUE OF MAN** value to or detracts value from property. Hence we patiently and persistently try to make our students Christian men and women who will serve the world efficiently and honorably. In many cases we have met with signal success.

3. We believe in the dignity of manual labor. We urge upon our young people studious habits and demand creditable work. **LABOR** Itual idleness or indifference is not tolerated long. The viciously bad or immoral are sent home.

4. We believe that the home is the bulwark of our civilization. We try to develop the personal powers and gifts of our students **HOME** so they will become makers of good homes. We are opposed to youthful or secret mar-

riages. In the one persons thereto assume the sacred obligations of the married life before they are trained and educated properly to meet these obligations. In the other, the sacred institution of matrimony is treated too lightly. It is a social imposition upon friends and associates who hold high conceptions of the married life. The time is coming when persons who marry in secret will be socially ostracized.

5. We believe in life service. Jesus "Came not to be ministered unto, but to minister." We try to educate for service. Every

SERVICE man should serve the community in which he lives and strive to make the world better. He who does less than this is living with low ideals; he forfeits his rights to the community protection and blessings; he is not a citizen but a sponger. Our one supreme aim is to prepare our students to serve the church and the state, to contribute to the best things and become an active and positive factor in ushering in the day of righteousness.

One Hundred Years Hence

How little do we realize what great things may come and often do come of small beginnings. It is impossible to foresee what the S. C. I. may be one hundred years from now! In the work now being done there is an ideal and coupled with this ideal is much personal sacrifice! Most people lose sight of the element of time; small schools have grown in time to be great and influential. See the beginning of Harvard University now with its thousands of students and millions of dollars! Just read this interesting history:

"When the Rev. John Harvard left his library of 260 volumes and half his estate, amounting to 400 pounds for the purpose of founding a college, he could not have known how wisely and well he was building. He had been in the colony only a short year, and the efforts to found a college hitherto had been a failure. But this humble contribution gave the enterprise such an impetus that the gen-

eral court of Massachusetts Bay not only decided to push it, but also to name the institution after its humble benefactor. The college had been started two years prior to this time but no students had reported for matriculation. Think of it! A college established for two years without a student! This gift was in the year 1638, when nine students enrolled, who graduated four years later."

If the citizens of Albion and the alumni only realize the possibilities of the S. C. I. and be faithful to the ideal and press steadily on, there is sure to come a great future for her. She is now working along right lines.

What Some People Say

Below will be found some words concerning the S. C. I. from former students and teachers and persons who have visited the school.

Dr. and Mrs. Stahl of Franklin, Ohio, being formerly teachers in the S. C. I. for years write: "You will find a check for \$130 in payment of our subscription. We have most pleasant recollections of our part in moulding and forming the lives and characters of some of the best young people. We shall always hold a kindly interest in the welfare of the S. C. I."

One former student writes: "I shall never forget what the S. C. I. has done for me."

One of the graduates writes: "I was glad to know the S. C. I. is still struggling on and up, the best evidence of its ultimate success. Am always interested and will pay my subscription soon."

An alumnus in Arkansas writes: "I have a young friend here just completing the public school course. Shall try to induce him to come to the S. C. I."

Another alumnus, who is a graduate of a prominent college and of the Law Department of a great University, writes: "I owe more to the S. C. I. than to any other institution and it is my present intention to give financial aid to her as I am prospered. I believe in the school. I know it is doing a splendid work and is filling

a great need in Southern Illinois. I am conscious of my indebtedness to you and to the school."

A former student writes: "I am greatly interested to know about the improvements at the S. C. I. It is my school and I shall be glad to do anything for it I can."

Rev. Cyrus K. Stockwell, pastor of the Congregational church of Sycamore, Ill., writes:

Dear Brother Hines:

"Anyone who knew the work you are doing and the burdens you carry could not do otherwise than to forgive you for not writing sooner. Yes—indeed, we want you to come and tell us of Albion. It is one of the most worth-while jobs I know anything about. After looking into the earnest faces of your purposeful students, you can ask anything of me."

Rev. W. L. Ferris, D. D., pastor of the Congregational church of Pekin, Ill., writes: "I am deeply impressed each time I come to Albion with the great work you and Mrs. Hines are doing in and for that section of our state. God is crowning with success your efforts. I rejoice with you in the new building. It is a credit to the institution, to the town and to yourself, and it will redound to the glory of God and to the good of all that section of the state."

It should be said right here that these words of commendation of Albion are not solicited or asked for. They merely come out in letters of the usual correspondence wholly unsolicited.

The Alumni

A factory is known by its products. A college by its graduates. The alumni of a college become in time its chief supporters. The alumni of the S. C. I. have organized and by vote have asked for a place on the regular commencement programme. They have voted to solicit funds from the members of the various classes to build a wide concrete walk from the entrance of the new building to the street on the north. Figures in the concrete will show the year when each class graduated—beginning at

the street with the year of the graduation of the first class and stamping in the concrete the year of the graduation of each class, including the class of 1912, the history of the S. C. I. will in a measure be written. This is certainly a good idea and I believe the alumni, most worthy sons and daughters, will see that it is done.

Furnished Rooms

The rooms in the new dormitory, furnished by friends throughout the state, are modern and beautiful. They make pleasant homes. Thanks, many thanks, to these good friends. There are still several rooms yet to be furnished. I hope that the Endeavor Societies and Sunday School classes of our churches will furnish more of these rooms.

The Faculty

The greatest asset of any school is the ability and personality of its teachers. The teachers of the S. C. I. are graduates of some leading college or university, and are earnest, active Christians. They are persons of ability and practical experience in teaching.

This corps of teachers with their excellent preparation and earnest helpfulness will bring a new meaning to the school life of students. Young people brought in touch and face to face with teachers like these will get much more in a small school than they will in the large colleges or normals. The S. C. I. will do them good and will give them a desire for a college education. It will show them how to secure that education.

SPRING TERM FROM APRIL 7 TO JUNE 6

The spring term will open April 7, 1913. A great many young people from this and adjacent counties come to the S. C. I. to prepare for teaching. Many experienced teachers enroll every spring for review and advanced work. Courses of study that will be of the greatest benefit to all who attend have been carefully planned and will be thoroughly taught by first-class teachers.

You Choose Your Studies

For Advanced Teachers: Chemistry, Geometry, Latin, Algebra and Physics.

For First Grade Work: Botany, Zoology and Physics.

For General Review and Advanced Work: Advanced Common Branches, Civics and Illinois History, Bookkeeping, Pedagogy and Agriculture.

State Course of Study

During the spring term the class in Pedagogy will make a thorough review of the state course of study.

A full and appreciative understanding of the state course is the best possible means of unifying school work and insuring definite progress. Every teacher ought to know how to use it. The student will thus become acquainted with its general use and at the same time clear up many of the apparent difficulties that await the young teacher.

Grade Pupils

Any person from the seventh and eighth grades and with average ability can find work in the S. C. I. that he can pursue with profit. There may be those persons who may wish to finish the seventh or eighth grade work. They will find it to their benefit to take this work at this time.

Expenses

Tuition is \$10 per term. Piano, organ or voice \$10. Board \$2.50 to \$3.50 per week. By doing light house-keeping expenses are greatly reduced. Special rates in tuition will be given where there are clubs of ten or more new students from any one county. You can get board, room and tuition for this term for \$35.00 to \$37.50, under two conditions: (1) This amount be paid in advance at beginning of term, and (2) the rules of the dormitory be obeyed.

The rooms in the new dormitory are modern and beautiful. Electric lights, hot and cold water and shower baths are included. All the expenses of the entire term, if economy is exercised, can be held under \$40.00. Where else can such high class instruction and helpful influences combined with such excellent accommodations be found at less cost?

To the Teachers of Adjoining Counties:

We solicit your patronage and personal cooperation in our efforts to build a college that will serve this part of our state. Our building and equipment are good; our teachers are scholarly, experienced and successfully helpful; expenses are very low—board and tuition at Albion combined are less than board is alone at other schools. Besides our students get the personal touch of helpful teachers.

By attending school at Albion and by advising your pupils and friends to go to Albion you are helping to build up a local college whose good influences will spread out all over the neighboring counties and Southern Illinois. Your communities will be benefited by this local institution a hundred times more than by other larger schools farther away. We, therefore, feel that we have a right to your patronage and personal influence. Above all else we shall appreciate everything you may say or do for the S. C. I. By adding your word and influence to the forces that are building this college, you will be making its life permanent and thus blessing the future as well as the present generations.

Christian Influence

In the choice of a school, religious influences should not be overlooked. It is the first thing in wise education. The S. C. I. emphasizes the Christian side of education and makes Christ the vitalizing force of all life. No sectarianism or denominationalism is permitted, but Christianity is kept before the students, first, last and all the time.

The young men and young women each maintain a live Christian Association; much of the Christian life of the school is thrown upon the student body. Thus they early begin to bear responsibility. The value of such experience can not be estimated. It forms good habits and builds Christian character.

We study the student's best interest and cooperate with him for the highest good.

Write for further information.

FRANK B. HINES, President.

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Teachers' Term

Spring term opens April 7, 1913.

Special classes in common branches and the sciences.

Preparation for examinations for first and second grade certificates.

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